

THE

SANIBEL LIGHT



Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ
2050 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel, Florida 33957



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November Service Times

7:45am
Chapel
Service

9:00am
Blended
Service with
Sunday School

11:00am
Traditional
Service
and Nursery
Care provided
at both 9 & 11

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What's Your Challenge?

It's a rather provocative theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Certainly all of us face a variety of challenges in life, ranging from health issues to relationship concerns to professional matters and so much more. And having a strong community rooted in its commitment to doing God's will can provide a people and a place which can be of enormous support as we face those challenges.

Our congregation also faces challenges. How do we best serve one another in the midst of life? How can we address the needs of our community? How can we accommodate our ever-changing world while remaining faithful? In order to meet those challenges, your support of our life and work is essential. Your time and talent is vital. Literally thousands of volunteer hours are given each year to our congregation. Helping with our worship services as greeters, ushers and Fellowship Hour hosts. Working in the office. Serving on various boards and committees. Helping to pack meals, deliver food to the pantry, serving food at the pantry. Singing in the choir. Working at the annual SCWIM Bazaar. And the list goes on.

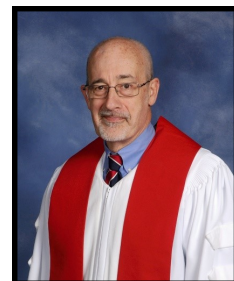
And we need your financial support as well. So how can you help? What can you offer? What's your challenge? Those are questions that we'll be asking in the Danner family--the Kunkel family will be asking them as well. I hope you'll join us in that effort.



Blessings,

John

John H. Danner
Senior Pastor



Did you know, we offer round-trip transportation to our church services? Free shuttle for Shell Point and Cypress Cove residents is so easy to arrange - simply call the church 239-472-0497 by noon on Thursdays!



Message from Pastor Deb

As year round and seasonal residents of Southwest Florida you are familiar with the devastation that hurricanes bring. Whether it was from a direct hit such as Charlie or being at the edge of Irma, we dealt with the power outages, trees blocking roads, and damage to structures. You also know the emotional toll it can take before, during and after the winds blow.

So imagine a Hurricane 5 landing on Sanibel and the Forth Myers area. Category 5 Hurricane Michael devastated wide areas of Florida Panhandle on October 18, 2018. A year later residents there are still rebuilding, living with leaking roofs, struggling to provide their family with basics such as food and clothing while paying for repairs and other storm related expenses. Others are dealing with homelessness and unemployment from when their homes and places of employment were devastated. You can help. I will be taking a team to the Panhandle next spring to aid in the disaster recovery. Tentatively scheduled for April 19-24, 2020, the team will work in Washington and Bay Counties. The national Disaster Relief Services of the UCC is partnering with Catholic Charities, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) in this recovery effort. Workers must be 18 or older. While roofing is a priority, work will be matched to the abilities and skills of the group. Accommodations will be either at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL or Dogwood Acres Camp, Chipley, FL and cost \$20.00 per night. I hope you will consider joining in on this effort. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more or would like to be included on this outreach team. This is another way we can live out the mission that tops the church bulletin every week: "Seeking to love all people ... growing in faith ...working toward God's vision of justice, healing and joy."



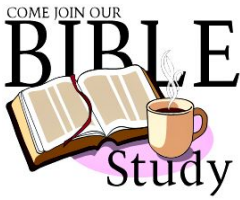
God's grace and peace,

Deb Kunkel

Pastor Deb



TEACHING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY **Tuesdays, 10:00 AM - Fellowship Hall** **THE GOSPEL OF LUKE** **Taught by Pastor Danner**

The Gospel of Luke, written somewhere around 85 CE, is a most fascinating look at the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Luke demonstrates a particular interest in marginalized people in his day and place: women, the sick, the poor and those from outside the faith. This seminar-type course is a season long study, but students are free to enter the course at any time. It is oft-times a free-wheeling conversation, with plenty of interaction between teacher and students, and students with other students!

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES **Wednesdays, November 13 & 20, 10:00 AM (only)** **THE WORLD TO COME**

Our first Theological Studies sessions of the season will feature an examination of “The World to Come.” Various creeds and statements of faith, all rooted in scripture, have a number of things to say about the time that lies ahead. Some focus on life on earth, others offer up ideas about life after death. Pastor Danner will be joined in this class by pastor Emeritus Ran Niehoff.

Note: Evening sessions will begin in December

JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE: An Introduction to Mary Evelyn Tucker **Wednesdays, December 4 and 11, 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

Mary Evelyn Tucker, who serves on both the faculties at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and Yale Divinity School is the 2020 Shared Scholar. Utilizing her book written with Brian Swimme, *Journey of the Universe*, and a film by the same title, this class will offer a stimulating look at her life and work in preparation for her time on Sanibel in late January. Copies of the book will be available for purchase in advance of the class as well as at class sessions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE SHARED SCHOLAR LECTURE,
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 4:00 PM AND THE SHARED SCHOLAR SEMINAR
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Both events to be held here at SCUCC.**

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS by Parish Nurse, Linda Convertine

Giving Thanks

Autumn has always been my favorite time of year and Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It may sound strange, but I love this time of year not only for the beautiful weather and the emphasis on thankfulness, but for the wonderful fruits and vegetables that are available and in season here in Florida. I love to see a Thanksgiving table loaded with the vibrant colors of fruits and vegetables. When they are fresh from Florida, well that's even better. In Florida, we can eat great local fruits and vegetables all year long, but some fruits and vegetables have peak growing seasons during these next few months. The vitamins and nutrients in fruits and vegetables start diminishing as soon as they are harvested, so we should take advantage of our fresh Florida produce. Look for the helpful "Fresh from Florida" label in use at some of our grocery stores. Below is a list of just a few of Florida's fruits and vegetables that are in season:

BELL PEPPERS, which are actually fruits, originated in Mexico, Central America, and South America. Today, most green bell peppers sold in the United States are grown in Florida. Red, which have more than twice the vitamin C of green peppers, and yellow variations are just ripened green peppers and tend to sweeten during the process. Seasonal availability in the state of Florida is November through May.

CELERY Used over 3000 years ago as medicines by Greeks and Romans, celery was first grown as a food crop in the 1600s. Florida, California and Michigan grow more celery than any other state. Surprisingly, they're second only to lettuce in the US as a salad crop. They're a good source of potassium and you'll find them in season in Florida from December through May.

EGGPLANT is believed to have originated in India where it's considered to be the King of Vegetables. It was taken to Africa by the Arabs and Persians during the Middle Ages, eventually finding its way to Italy in the 14th century where it was called a mala insana or "crazy apple". They're in season from November through June.

GUAVA Available year-round, the origins of guava unknown but believed to be from an area extending from southern Mexico into or through Central America. They're a good source of Vitamin A, Folate, Potassium, Copper and Manganese, and a very good source of Dietary Fiber and Vitamin C. "The guava is to South Florida what the peach is to Georgia".

ORANGES, the primary source of vitamin C for most of us! Believe it or not, oranges are technically berries since the official definition of a berry is "a fleshy fruit produced from a single ovary." They originated in what is now Malaysia and made their way throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Greece and Rome. The Greeks prized them as foods from the Gods and called them "golden apples". During Queen Victoria's reign, oranges were handed out as gifts. In the 1560s, Spaniards planted orange trees in Florida, which now produces over 70% of the country's oranges (9 out of 10 of which are used to make juice).

RADISH Records show that radishes were being eaten before the pyramids were built. These root vegetables whose leaves can also be eaten, originated in China and gradually spread west. Ancient Greeks offered gold radish replicas to their God Apollo. You'll find radishes grown in almost every state, but the vast majority of those found in grocery stores are grown in Florida and California. They're in season in Florida from November through May.

SNAP PEAS Archaeologists have found peas in ancient Egyptian tombs. Sugar snap peas, which are a cross between English and snow peas, were probably developed in the late 17th century, but they did not become commonly available until the 1970s. They're in season from November through May.

SQUASH The word "squash", one of the oldest known crops, comes from the Narragansett Indian word askutasquash, meaning "a green thing eaten raw." Every part of the squash plant, from leaves to shoots, can be eaten. They're a good source of minerals, carotenes and vitamin A, with moderate quantities of vitamins B and C. They're available from October through May.

STRAWBERRY There are over 600 varieties of strawberries! In 1714, a French naval officer found a flowering strawberry plant in Chile. It was sent to France where the plant crossed with a North American strawberry plant resulting in a much larger berry than those grown elsewhere. Today's berries are their descendants. During Napoleon Bonaparte's rule, Madame Tallien bathed in the juice of fresh strawberries – she used 22 pounds per bath. You'll find them in season in Florida from December through April.

SWEET CORN was domesticated over 9,000 years ago in Mesoamerica and is now the third largest human food crop. Outside of wheat and rice! There are five varieties, all which were known to the Native Americans prior to the arrival of European settlers: popcorn, flint corn, dent corn, flour corn, sweet corn. You'll find corn in season from October through June.

TANGERINES originated in the North African city of Tangier in Morocco in the 19th century. The first batch of tangerines was brought to America when the Italian consul in New Orleans decided to plant it on the grounds surrounding the consulate. From New Orleans, the tangerine was taken to Florida and it became a commercial crop like other citrus fruits. They're high in vitamin C, have many of the same health benefits as oranges and typical availability in Florida is September through May.

TOMATOES, which are a fruit formed out of a flower, are South American natives. The reason they were labeled as vegetables rather than fruits has to do with import taxes. Tomatoes were cultivated by the Incas and Aztecs since 700 AD. Most people in Europe believed them to be poisonous, as such popularity was slow to develop. Following European acceptance, its popularity grew in the US. Thomas Jefferson grew tomatoes in his garden in 1782, by 1812 they were frequently used in New Orleans cooking.

CANISTEL A Florida fruit that is not well-known. Its other names are eggfruit, fruta de huevo, and yellow sapote. It is used in desserts, pies, smoothies, and eaten fresh. Imagine a fruit with a bright-yellow, dense, creamy, rich flesh that comes with the taste similar to pumpkin pie with cheesecake in the middle. It grows in South Florida from winter to spring.

Try to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your diets. They are plentiful and so beneficial for your health. God has provided such a great variety for us, and I, for one, am very thankful. **(Psalm 9:1)** I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **(Genesis 1:29)** God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food."

Linda

Linda Convertine, RN, BSN



Meet Our New Missionaries

For over a decade now, this congregation has supported the work of Global Ministries Mission co-workers in India and Lesotho. Mission co-workers are “sent when an international partner makes a request for a person to fill a specific need that meets the Critical Presence criteria, finances are available for the appointment, and an appropriate person who can fill the role is found.” The appointments for Mark Behle in Lesotho and the Henrys in India ended last year. On your behalf, the Mission and



Benevolence Committee has identified two new mission co-workers to support through the Mission and Benevolence budget. One fills Mark’s spot in Lesotho, and the other serves in Ghana. This month we are introducing the Knowles serving in Lesotho. (Look to the January Light to meet the Colvins who are serving in Ghana.)

Mark Knowles serves as the Lesotho Evangelical Church in South Africa (LESCA) Project Officer alongside spouse Danielle Murray-Knowles as LESCA Planning Officer. The Knowles partner with the LESCA to live out the LESCA’s denominational vision to create “a healing, well-informed, and empowered community, which is able to bring about renewal, transformation, and peace with justice.” LESCA does this through establishing hospitals and health centers, educational institutions for both adults and children, the Peace, Justice, and Integrity of Creation Commission, and other organizations.

Mark’s desire to serve overseas was fed by a semester of college in Kenya and time serving in El Salvador with the Peace Corps. Similarly, a college semester in India and serving in Paraguay with the Peace Corps fueled Danielle’s desire to serve overseas. The two met and married after each returned from their term in the Peace Corp. A Global Ministries People-to-People trip to Cuba confirmed their call to serve overseas in a faith context as mission coworkers.



Their appointment in Lesotho provides planning and administrative assistance as LESCA continues to expand services. The Knowles also learn *from* the Basothos (the people of Lesotho). Danielle is learning that a “vibrant and faithful community can be built through open, joyful giving...Giving in a communal setting is a crucial expression of faith and is foundational to solidifying the church community.” Mark believes churches elsewhere can learn from the Basothos to know “that challenges themselves do not mean there still cannot be a real, vibrant church in the midst of challenges.” You can learn more about the Knowles, the joys and challenges people in Lesotho share, and more Go to https://www.globalministries.org/mark_knowles and https://www.globalministries.org/danielle_murryknowles. Thank you for your generous support-through your pledges and offerings that enable your Mission and Benevolence Committee to support the Knowles work in Lesotho.

Sanibel Christian Preschool News

There are many benefits of cooking with kids. Some of these benefits include:



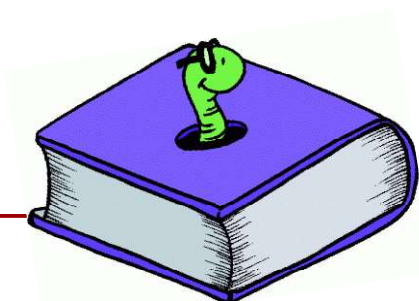
Increases language development
Helps develop fine motor skills
Increases focus and attention
Helps them to follow directions
Promotes healthy eating




During our cooking project, students and teachers talked about the benefits of eating fruits as well as all the different ways they can be used (cooked, raw, frozen etc). We used frozen fruits for this cooking project to make smoothies. Ms. Abella talked about how they are usually frozen to prevent them from rotting and can be used later for snacking, as toppings or used for smoothies. Students chose the fruit(s) they wanted to use for their smoothie and excitedly waited as they saw the fruits turning into a paste in the blender. They observed how the smoothies came out in different colors depending on which fruits were used and noticed how no ice was needed because they were already frozen.

ROOKERY BOOKERY

The opening day for the Rookery Bookery is Sunday, November 3, 2019. Plan to shop following the 9 or 11 am services. Donations of gently used books (no magazines), puzzles, CDs, DVDs, jewelry, and small gift items may be left on the first floor tables under the sanctuary.



So Many Ways to Serve...So Little Time *(come on in the water's great)*

Check out our menu of serving options below. If something sounds right for you, place a  in the box; simply place it in the offering plate when it comes by or pop in the church office and drop it off.

HEAD USHERS are trained to oversee various aspects of services. CPR training will also be provided to you.

☐ I'm interested in serving as a Head Usher

USHERS assist the head usher – hand out bulletins, help collect the offering, and seat people as they arrive.

☐ I'm interested in serving as an usher

LITURGISTS differs according to the type of service, but speaking from the pulpit by reading scriptures and prayers is the main part of what a Liturgist does during a worship service. The information you need will be provided to you prior to Sunday.

☐ I'm interested in serving as a liturgist.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS put out snacks & beverages for folks to enjoy following the 10:00 a.m. service in the summer and the 9:00 a.m. service in season. You'll use tablecloths from the pantry and clean up afterwards. Will wash and return tablecloths.

☐ I'm interested in hosting Fellowship Hour

GREETERS do just that, they greet people at the front doors who arrive to church—they also direct visitors to the visitor table to receive a nametag.

☐ I'm interested in serving as a Greeter

COMMUNION SERVERS distribute plates of bread and juice during communion services. The Deacon in charge gives instructions.

☐ I'd like to help serve communion

NAMETAG RETURNERS return nametags from boxes to the storage cabinets by the front elevator on the 1st floor.

☐ I'd like to return nametags

MEMORIAL HOSTS AND MARTHAS assist with memorial services as an usher/host or help with receptions.

☐ I'd like to be a memorial host

☐ I'd like to be a Martha

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS answer phones, greet visitors, and help with projects. Various shifts available.

☐ I'd like to help in the office

NEIGHBORHOOD SHEPHERDS along with other shepherds, plan neighborhood gatherings and keep track of people on your list of church neighbors.

☐ I'd like to be a Neighborhood Shepherd

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS: Sign-up sheets for each food pantry are in Fellowship Hall.

1) Harlem Heights Food Pantry (10511 Gladiolus Dr.) Pick up donated items at the church and deliver them on Mondays 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or Wednesdays 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

2) South Ft. Myers Food Pantry (Presbyterian Church – 8260 Cypress Lake Dr.)

Help out the first Monday of each month 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m.

COMMITTEES: What SCUCC committee(s) interest you? _____

SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES: As season approaches, look for details about Choir, SCWIM (Sanibel Congregational Women in Mission), the Christmas Eve Beach Service, potluck suppers, fundraisers, and other events for adults and children.

YOUR NAME: _____ DATES IN FL: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Sign up sheets of all varieties are always in Fellowship Hall, so don't be shy. Sign up to volunteer or to take part in a church event...you'll be so glad you did. We need you - and isn't it great to be needed!



Romans 12:11 Never lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the LORD



GREEN TEAM

Stories of Climate Change

From World Wildlife Fund E news September 2019 <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm#inbox/WhctKJVZpTKZMcpXZcZSgBrxNWnZMxGXLVZXNXlznJCWIFpBlxwWpzQZqmqGZnpjRvRPPzL>

We all know the outlines: Frequent flooding in the central US. Devastating wildfire seasons in California. Droughts across the Great Plains. Melting glaciers. Hurricanes with greater intensity threatening the southeastern and gulf coasts. But hear what it feels like up close and personal from two youth from different low-income communities at opposite ends of the globe:

For **Stenek**, an Arctic Youth Ambassador, such tragedies underscore the biggest problems facing Shishmaref, a remote Inupiat community of about 600 people. Located on a tiny island in the Chukchi Sea, just north of the Bering Strait and 20 miles below the Arctic Circle, Shishmaref has struggled for decades with coastal erosion and flooding attributed to climate change. But as temperatures in the Arctic rise at a pace twice as fast as the rest of the world, sea ice that once buffered Shishmaref's coast is forming later in the fall and melting earlier in the spring. With an increasingly exposed shoreline, the island is crumbling into the sea, threatening an entire community and their way of life.

When [20 year old] **Nicole Ortiz** was three years old, she planted a [cherry tree] outside her home in Aguadilla, a small town on the northwest tip of Puerto Rico. ... Then, in September 2017, Hurricane Maria tore across the Atlantic. Winds reaching 155 miles per hour ripped her tree—and countless others—from the earth. “The sound was heartbreaking,” she recalls. “It was like Mother Nature was crying.” By the time the Category 4 storm subsided, Ortiz’s hometown was unrecognizable. Houses and roads had been destroyed; street signs and electrical cables littered the ground; entire neighborhoods were flooded. Ortiz and her family had to adapt quickly to survive. For weeks, they collected water from a nearby waterfall for drinking and bathing. They spent 12 hours in lines, waiting for food and gasoline. And without electricity, they passed long, dark nights in the tropical heat, unable to contact their loved ones. “Not knowing if they were okay was the hardest part,” she says. “I realized how much of my life I’d taken for granted.” The Puerto Rican government cites the official death toll as nearly 3,000, making the storm one of the most catastrophic natural disasters ever to hit the island. It’s also a harbinger of future storms: Many scientists predict that as ocean temperatures rise, hurricanes will intensify faster and linger longer, putting coastal communities at an even higher risk of flooding. Ortiz, who with her mother and sister was eventually evacuated from the island, worries that Puerto Rico isn’t prepared to weather another such storm.... “What happened in Puerto Rico could happen anywhere,” she said. “We need to take action now, or we could see much worse than Maria in the future.” Power has now been restored in Puerto Rico, and Ortiz and her family have returned home. But recovery efforts are ongoing, and many lives have yet to return to normal. Still, Ortiz finds hope in nature: When she came back, she noticed that a tiny green sapling had sprouted where her cherry tree fell last year. If you are concerned about the survival of the inhabitants of our planet, consider joining the Green Team. Together we can make a difference, even though we only meet in January-May. For more information, email jeanchandler@verizon.net.

2019 Gathering of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ

by Barbara Joy Cooley, moderator

From October 10 to 12, Pastor John, Pastor Deb and I attended the 2019 Annual Gathering of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ in Orlando, Florida. “What Wondrous Love” was the theme of this conference (based on Acts 2:42-43). Like many conferences, workshops on various topics were included. One of the workshops I attended was “Going Green: Becoming a Creation Justice Church.” In this workshop, we heard about what is involved in becoming a Creation Justice Church and how one church, the Lakewood United Church of Christ in St. Petersburg, went about it. As I listened and learned about what being a Creation Justice Church means in the UCC, as well as the six steps undertaken to become one (see below), I realized that it seems like our church here on Sanibel has completed five of the six steps already, because we *already* have an environmental commitment in our church covenant (steps 3 and 4), and because we have our Green Team which has undertaken numerous environmental projects in recent years (steps 1, 2, and 6). The only remaining step for us, I believe, would be to complete and submit the application form (step 5). So we will be talking more about this in the near future. You can learn more about Creation Justice Churches at www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches. And if you want to know more about the history of our Green Team, send an email to me at bjoycooley@comcast.net.

6 Steps to Becoming a Creation Justice Church

Step One: Create or Designate the Group Which Will Be Your Driving Force

Step Two: Discern and Implement Ways to “Grow Green”

Step Three: Draft a Creation Justice Covenant

Step Four: Vote to Adopt the Creation Justice Covenant and Become a Creation Justice Church

Step Five: Submit an Application

Step Six: Keep It Up!



BITS & BOBS

Do you have an article or important information you'd like to be published in the next issue of the newsletter?? Just email office@sanibelucc.org by the 25th of the month to make the publish date of the 1st. Thanks!

Bat Yam Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month, during season at 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Library (2nd floor) at SCUCC. Rabbi Fuchs is the facilitator and all are welcome. The first meeting is November 6th

Genesis' Earliest Stories
Presented by
Rabbi Dr. Stephen Lewis Fuchs of
Bat Yam Temple of the Islands.
This 3-part seminar, will be held
Thursdays, November 14 & 21 and
December 5 at 10:30-11:45am in
Fellowship Hall.

The chancel choir has begun its new season. The choir sings for Sunday morning services Nov. -April. Rehearsals are Wed evenings from 7:30 to 9 in the sanctuary. New members are welcome. Any interested singers may simply come to the next rehearsal, see Dr. Smith

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT
A caregivers support group meets in our church library at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information, call the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at 239-437-3007.

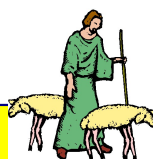
GROUP MEETINGS ON OUR CAMPUS
Sundays: 8:00 p.m. AA (HH); Mondays in (FH): 10:00 a.m. Women's AA & 6:30pm Sanibel Survivors
Tuesdays: 8:00 p.m. AA (FH) ;
Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m. Alanon (HH) & 8 p.m. H.O.W. (HH);
Thursdays: Noon Men's AA (FH)
(HH = Heron Hall; FH = Fellowship Hall)

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County
invites the community
81st Anniversary of Kristallnacht Commemorative Service
Kristallnacht is recognized by most historians as "The Night the Holocaust Began"
Sunday, November 17 at 2:30 p.m.
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Ballroom ~ 625 111th Ave. N., Naples
Guest speaker: Rabbi Stephen Fuchs
Everyone is invited. Free admission. RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net
SPONSORED BY:
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Reviewers are signing up for **BOOKED FOR LUNCH** held the 1st Tuesday of every month December - April. If you would like to give a review, please notify Catrina Drotleff at catrina-drotleff@yahoo.com. Currently, the books being reviewed for the 2019-2020 season are as follows:

UNSHELTERED by Barbara Kingsolver
BECOMING by Michelle Obama
STILL LIFE by Louise Penny
INSIDE THE O'BRIENS by Lisa Genova
WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING by Della Owens
BEING MORTAL by Atul Gawande
GRANT by Ron Chernow
BROWN GIRL DREAMING by Jacqueline Woodson
TA HOES OF THE HEART by Gregory Boyle
84 CHARING CROSS ROAD by Helene Hanff

The first gathering of **BOOKED FOR LUNCH** will be December 3, 2019, at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.



CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD SHEPHERDS

Our annual breakfast meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.** You will receive your updated Neighborhood lists at that time. We would appreciate everyone bringing a breakfast dish to share.
Please RSVP to:

Linda Winn
beachmomo1@hotmail.com
913-481-3388 OR

LaMoyne Ebner



SHELL POINT MEN'S LUNCH
The next lunch will be on **Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at noon in the Palm Grill.** For more information and reservations, call Bob Sheldon at **239-590-0371**, or email him at rsheldon18@msn.com



WOMEN'S LUNCH: The next luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 8th, in the Palm Grill. To sign up, call Carolyn DeCoster at 239-822-3737, or email her at cdecoster82@gmail.com



Artist of the Month

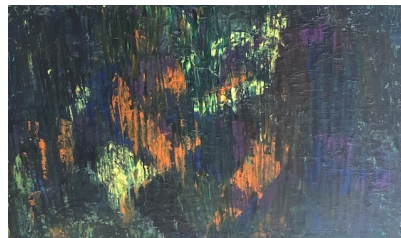
Meet Ellen Feingold

Be sure to call
472-0497 for
viewing times in
Fellowship Hall
beginning November
to see Ellen's
wonderful collection!



Each Artist donates
10% of sales, which
benefit the church's
Memorial Fund

Ellen Feingold M.D., a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, has been painting with oils and pastels for many years. Her exhibition in Fellowship Hall at the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ during November is her first. Her nine oils, two pastels, and one acrylic underline her passion for sand, sea, sky, and Sanibel, all painted during 2019. Most of her work is large, some painted on wood panels, many incorporating natural elements like botanical materials, shells and sand. Her largest oil is an abstract entitled, "Black Hole", inspired by radio waves forming the first pictorial representation of a black hole. Dr. Feingold and her husband live on Sanibel, coming from Wilmington, Delaware. They have four children and fourteen grandchildren, several of whom are certain to surpass her proficiency in creating art.



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 & Nursery Care; 9/8/19 begins 7:45am Chapel & 10:00am
 with Sunday School & Nursery Care
 Website: www.sanibelucc.org
 Pastor Danner's Blog:
www.periwinkleponderings.blogspot.com



**Mark your calendar
 and plan to attend
 Mary Ann
 Saegbarth's
 90th Birthday Party
 11/9/19 at Shell Point Social
 Center on the Island from
 11:00am - 2:00pm.**

Please RSVP to megsaegs@yahoo.com.

COME CELEBRATE!!!

The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers chamber Chorus will present a concert in our sanctuary Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17 at 3 P.M. It will be led by its new artistic director, Shannon Arnold. The program is titled Music in Transition, featuring (in chronological order) selections written by composers facing challenges and changes in their lives, from the Renaissance to the present day. Included will be several compositions by lesser known female composers, as well as a new work written by FGCU professor Jason Bahr. There will be no admission charge; a free will offering will be taken.



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